

Diablo View Orchid Society

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*At Our next meeting
September 10th*

*Growing Orchids and Conserving Energy, Year 'round
by Dennis Olivas*

Dennis Olivas will talk to the Club about successful orchid cultivation without benefit of a climate controlled greenhouse. Come to the meeting to find out which orchids are more likely to thrive, how much and when to water, and other tips and techniques for the budget and environmentally conscious grower.

Dennis has been growing orchids most of his life. He is the managing partner of D & D Flowers; and a much respected grower and orchid judge.

Speaker's Dinner will be at Sichuan Fortune House, 41 Woodsworth Ln (off Gregory at Contra Costa Blvd.) at 5:30. Everyone is welcome to attend and meet our speaker. If you plan to attend, please notify Liz Charlton at (925) 280-1671 or email dvosnews@gmail.com

Plant table will be provided by Dennis Olivas of D & D Flowers

NEXT MEETING

**Thur. Sept. 10th
5:30 Speaker's Dinner
7:30 Meeting Begins
8:00 Presentation**

**Contra Costa Water
District Board Room
1331 Concord Ave.
Concord
www.diablowos.org**

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Eileen Jackson**

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Brian Wraxall**

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Membership:

Ulrike Ahlborn

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Greenhouse Tours:

Parky Parkison

Refreshments:

Linda Castleton

Bernice Lindner

Madge Fordyce

Melissa Sadler

Greeters:

Sharon Duffy

Jill Chambers

Bernice Lindner

Raffles and Sales:

Rita Tischler

Equipment and Lights:

Dave Tomassini

Librarian:

Phyllis Arthur

AOS Representative:

Dennis Olivas

Orchid Digest

Representative:

Brian Wraxall

SFOS Show Chairman:

Brad Piini

DVOS Show Chairman:

Dennis Olivas



Costume Winners

1st Place:

Jamie Wasson

2nd Place:

Renate Johnson



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Danville Commercial Plant Services

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Upcoming Speakers and Events

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Livermore
Fordyce Orchids
Frank and Sue Fordyce
(925) 600 - 8406

Pleasant Hill
Orchid Gulch
Liz Charlton &
Jamie Wasson
104 Brandon Rd.
(925) 818-3600
by appointment

Orchid Wiz
software for orchid growers
www.orchidwiz.com

- Sept 10: **Growing Orchids and Conserving Energy Year 'Round**
by Dennis Olivas
- Sept 12-13: **San Francisco Orchid Society's Orchids in the Park show & sale**
10 am -5 pm SF County Fair Building (Hall of Flowerw) 9th Ave & Lincoln
Way \$3 415-665-6079 www.orchidsanfrancisco.org
- Sept 19-20: **D&D Flowers Fall Open House & Sale** 9 am-4 pm (see p.8)
- Oct 8: **Plant Nutrition** by David Neal of Dyna-Gro
- Oct 16-18: **DVOS annual Show & Sale** at the Pleasant Hill Community Ctr,
320 Civic Dr, Pleasant Hill, CA
- Oct 23: **Peninsula Orchid Society auction** San Mateo Garden Ctr 605 Parkside
Way, San Mateo - 6pm Preview, 7 pm Auction Paul Reeve 650-366-3251
- Nov 12: **Maxillarias and Encyclias** by Debra Atwood of Napa Valley Orchids
- Dec 10: **Christmas Party**

See what is available in our library:
www.diabloviewos.org/Library/library.htm
To check-out an item, contact
Phyllis Arthur

The next Board Meeting

will be on Sept. 17th at 7:30 p.m.
at the home of Brad & Karen Piini



Refreshments for the Sept Meeting

Ice Cream Social

Cookies: Madge Fordyce, Noble Emery, Melissa Sadler, Parkey
Parkison, Sharon Duffy, Ashley Bean, Ken Cook

Please bring baked goods CUT into serving size pieces.

Beverages: Makayla Shields, Dave Altman, Elizabeth Marquez

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Two Reviews of **Speaker's Day**

Saturday August 8, 2009

I hope all your members had as good a time at the CSNJC's Speaker's Day as we did. It was nice to be able to put some faces with names. We all came away revitalized in this hobby and I liked the questions put to Fighetti and McHatton during the AOS Q&A session. Y'all must have too, because 28 people joined or renewed their AOS memberships that day. Or maybe it was the lure of a free plant from Gold Country, LOL! I hope we sort of demystified the judging process for you and I hope you bring some of your plants in for judging. Now that you see we don't bite. A blue phal was awarded at the meeting, so now that we all bought blue phals we can compare and contrast ours to that one. Or not! I hope the AOS reps/club presidents had a good time at the BBQ too. Two 'much requested' recipes are online at our web page. Click on the 'information and directions' link - I think recipes qualify as "information", don't you? -Kathy B.

What an amazing weekend. As President of DVOS I was invited along with other Presidents and AOS representatives to a BBQ at the home of Alan Koch, owner of Gold Country Orchids. I arrived early for the BBQ so I could visit the greenhouse just in case there were any orchids that I needed. Needless to say there were a few little ones that needed a good home. The BBQ was great. The food was wonderful and the wine outstanding, Alan prides himself on his wine collection. I got to have dinner with Roy Tokunaga from H & R orchids. What an interesting man he is. Plus he knows a lot about orchids. I had a long conversation with Roy Mchatton, Director of Education for the AOS and also spoke with Carlos Fughetti, President of the AOS.

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The next day I spent at Speaker's Day in Sacramento. We started off learning how judging was done. Our own Ken Cook arrived with 2 plants, one a Dracula being transported in an ice chest, the other a Masdevallia. He won Awards Of Merit for both orchids. The judges were amazed to see these orchids in Sacramento as the weather there is not conducive to these species. Ken lives in El Cerrito and knows how to transport orchids so they don't fall apart.

Not only were the speakers outstanding but there was more shopping for orchids to be done. Roy Tokunaga spoke on Dendrobiums and Ron McHatton spoke on the genetics of orchids. Carlos Fighetti showed slides of the many Phalaenopsis from Taiwan.

If there is another Speaker's Day next year I would highly recommend everyone attending. It was very informative, as if you attended five monthly meetings in one day. - Eileen J.

Membership News

We have 81 members as of September 1, 2009

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D & D Flowers Half Moon Bay (925) 969-1246

Fall Open House September 19 & 20, 2009 9:00 AM to 4 PM

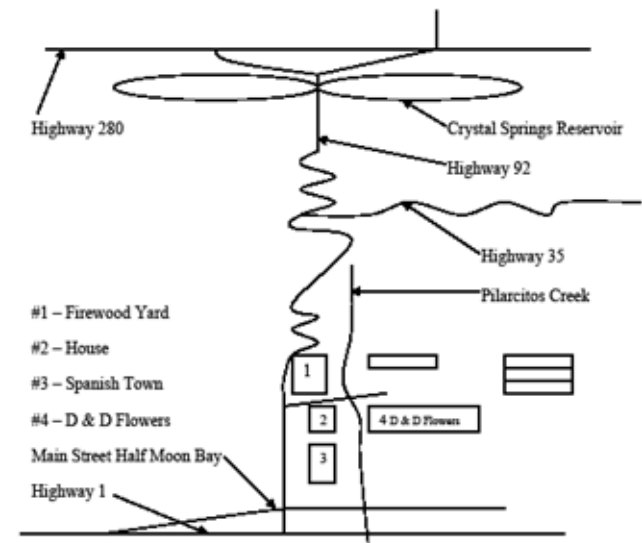
The greenhouse is not open to the public except for the spring and fall open house events. Great prices on original divisions of Cattleyas, Oncidiums, Cymbidiums, Paphiopedilums, Phragmipediums and many more genera. Really good deals... priced to sell. We accept cash or checks but no credit cards. There is no list of plants available and divisions are sold on first come for serve.

We will be having a \$7.00 sale on many cattleya, oncidium and cymbidium seedlings and back bulbs. We accept cash or checks but no credit cards.

We are located in Half Moon Bay 1/3 mile east of Main Street off Hwy 92.

Just east of Spanish Town on Hwy. 92 there is a house and firewood business. Turn onto the street between the house and firewood business and go over the bridge into the greenhouse complex. D & D Flowers is the first greenhouse on the right. If you go beyond the large dinosaur statues in front of the house and Spanish Town and you are at Main Street, you've gone too far.

Help your local orchid society. For every \$25 you spend, you may enter your local orchid society in a raffle for their monthly opportunity table. 40 healthy plants (some in bloom) will be awarded to the winning society. Winning society will be picked at the end of Sunday September 20th. The society must redeem their prize to D & D Flowers by the next open house which will take place in May of 2010.



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Charles Baker
Passed away 8/30/09

It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of my father,

Charles (aka Charlie) Baker, pronounced dead at 12:15 this afternoon (Sunday, August 30, 2009). His final hours were peaceful, a blessing to all concerned, and we are thankful his cancer ran its course relatively quickly with a minimum of suffering.

It was his wish that there be no funeral nor even mention in the obituaries. In typical Charlie fashion, he felt it was preferable to honor people while they were still alive, useless to do it afterwards. Nevertheless, a memorial for Charlie is being planned for (as yet) some unspecified date in the future, such details will be emailed as soon as we figure it out.

In the meantime, please take a moment to honor the passing of an extraordinary man. He loved us all, and we loved him. - Bruce Baker

Charles and his wife Marge wrote 3-4 books on orchids and were best known for their culture sheets which utilized data from weather stations around the globe to give hobbyists an inkling about annual conditions in the regions where orchid species grow. To know annual fluctuations in temperatures, humidity and bloom times is essential in growing orchid species well and Charles and Marge gave our hobby information of inestimable value. Much of this data is housed in the Orchid Wiz program. Much of it is online at orchidculture.com. Marge passed away some years ago. They spoke at the DVOS 15 years ago giving us clear spoken, level headed and no nonsense cultural advice, unlike a lot of the mythology that surrounds orchid culture.

Their best known books include a guide to Dendrobiums as well as a guide to Phalaenopsis. There are few serious articles on orchid species culture that do not reference Charlie and Marge Baker's culture and weather data. - K. Barrett



Margaret Baker
Passed away 9/15/03

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AOS Awards August 2009

8/08/09 - CSNJC Speaker's Day Courtesy of Kathy Barrett

Blc. Gold Country Festival 'Julie Anne', AM 80 (Blc. Sunday x C. forbesii), Exhibited by James Morris

Bulbophyllum Jersey 'Diablo Sunset', HCC 78 (Bulb. lobbii x Bulb. echinolabium), Exhibited by Diablo Orchids

Cymbidium lancifolium 'Cammie', CCM 89 species, Exhibited by John O'Connell

Kudos to John who drove all the way from Carmel to Sacramento to show his orchid!! Its beyouuutiful!

Dracula unnamed hybrid 'Cookie Peschko', AM 82 (prov) (Drac. Phantom x Drac. platycrater), Exhibited by Ken Cook

Masdevallia rosea 'Barbara C', CCM 82 species, Exhibited by Ken Cook

Paphiopedilum Macabre 'Grande Cru', AM 80 (Paph. Voodoo Magic x Paph. sukhakulii), Exhibited by Dave Sorokowsky

Paphiopedilum Pacific Rainbow 'Vinho Verde', HCC 76 (Paph. Rainbow Sky x Paph. Pacific Shamrock), Exhibited by Dave Sorokowsky

Paphiopedilum tigrinum 'Candor Neko', HCC 78 species, Exhibited by Bob & Lynn Wellenstein

Phalaenopsis violacea var. coerulea 'Concord', AM 80 species, Exhibited by Dave Sorokowsky

Stanhopea jenishiana 'Diablo Sunrise', HCC 79 species, Exhibited by Diablo Orchids

8/11/09 - Pacific Central Judging Center - San Francisco Center

<http://www.aospacificcentral.org>

No Awards

8/17/09 - Pacific Central - Oakland

Blc. Golden Promise 'Best of Cross', HCC 78 (L. tenebrosa x Blc. Xanthette), Exhibited by Fred Shull

Pictures can be seen at Pacific Central <http://www.aospacificcentral.org>

California Sierra Nevada <http://www.csnjc.org>

